Drug Intermediates required for anti-T.B. drugs

1257. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the drug intermediates that are used in manufacturing of anti-T.B. drugs;

(b) whether such drug intermediates attract different rates of customs duty on import; and

(c) if so, the justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The information is given in statement annexed (see below).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The proposals/ suggestions for Customs & Excise Duty rationalisation received from various sources are examined from the angle of the total requirement of the country, indigenous availability, import policy and other related matters, and also from the view point of encouraging production from the basic stage. The proposals are then recommended to the Ministry of Finance who in turn decide the level of duty based on the policy/procedure adopted by them in the matter.

Statement

1. Rifampicin	:	Rifa-s or Refa-SV or (Rifa-S-Formyl) or Rifa-S-Sodium
2. Ethambutol	:	(i) dl-2amino butanol (ii) d-2-amino butanol
3. Pyrazinamide	:	(i) Di-amine maleonitrile (DAMN) (ii) 2-cyano Pyrazine (iii) Pyrazine Carboxylic Acid
4. Isoniazid	:	Isonicotinic Acid (i) 4-cyano pyridine (ii) gama-picolin (iii) 4-Pyridine Carboxylio Acid.

Construction of Swimming Pools of International Standard

1258. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Swimming Pools of international standard constructed in 1994-95 in the country;

(b) whether the Sports Authority of India is monitoring such development; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) (SHRI. MUKUL WASNIK): (a) The Deptt, of Youth Affairs and Sports does not maintain any record of Swimming Pools of international standard, being constructed in each country. It only implements a Scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports infrastructure, under which a maximum grant of Rs. 43.00 lakhs (estimated cost Rs. 85.00 lakhs & above) can be given for construction of a Swimming pool of international standard (size